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SUBJ: MITRIONE/FLY KIDNAPPINGS - PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE

REF: STATE 128648

1. I DELIVERED PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE REFTEL TO PRESIDENT PACHECO AT HIS HOME AT 1900 HOURS LOCAL THIS EVENING (AUG 9). AFTER READING THROUGH TEXT, PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE, SAYING SEVERAL TIMES "IT HELPS ME", AND REMARKING THAT HE APPRECIATED TONE AND WORDS OF THE MESSAGE. I TOLD PRESIDENT THAT INSTRUCTIONS I HAD REGARDING NATURE OF THIS COMMUNICATION WERE SAME AS THOSE OF LETTER I DELIVERED TO HIM ON AUGUST 6, THAT IS, NO PUBLICATION OF TEXT NOW PLANNED BUT FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT ALTER THIS DECISION, EXPLAINING REASONS CONTAINED STATE 128604. PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY US PUBLIC OR CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN MIGHT AT SOME POINT INDICATE NECESSITY OF MAKING CLEAR ALL THE STEPS US HAD TAKEN IN KIDNAPPINGS. HOWEVER, FOR HIS PART, HE WOULD NOT RELEASE IT HERE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER IT PRIVATE. HE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE "ANTI-AMERICAN ELEMENTS" IN URUGUAY WOULD TRY TO TWIST AND DISTORT LETTERS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES AND DECLARED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TOCONTRIBUTE ONE IOTA TO ANY SUCH EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, HE REPEATED THAT AS CHIEF OF STATE HIMSELF, HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT'S OWN OBLIGATIONS TO HIS PEOPLE.

2. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION THIS AFTERNOON ON

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FATE OF MITRIONE AND THIS GAVE HIM SOME HOPE THAT MITRIONE
ALIVE. HE NOTED THAT MILITARY AND POLICE FORCE HAD COMMITTED
THEMSELVES COMPLETELY TO EFFORT TO FIND KIDNAPPED VICTIMS AND
SAID SURGE OF PUBLIC INDIGNATION AT THE POSSIBILITY OF MITRIONE'S
DEATH AND LEVEL OF POPULAR COOPERATIGS WITH PUBLIC ORDER
FORCES HAD BEEN OVERWHELMING. HE SAID THE GOU WOULD CONTINUE
TO EXERT EVERYPOSSIBLE EFFORT TO APPREHEND KIDNAPPERS AND RESCUE
THEIR VICTIMS.
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